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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of three months is hereby requested to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment and Response. A final Office Action was mailed September 2, 2005.

A three-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date of this RCE March 2, 2006. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for the requisite fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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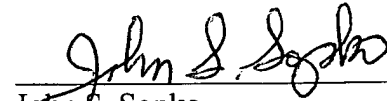
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Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,

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